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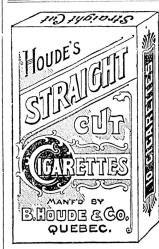
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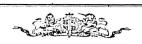
London, Dec. 21.-The correspondent the Times describing the battlefield of Elandslaagte realistically details the horrors of war. He writes:
"The battle field as it stood on Sun-

day conveyed sufficient proof of the severity of the fight. The wounded had een removed by daylight, but the burial parties had not arrived to perform the ast duties to the dead. The men lay there as they had fallen, a sad pathetic ribute to the courage of the British soldier. As we followed this tragic trail we found Highlanders, Manchesters and

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Mounted Volunteers lying indiscrimately grouped. The solitary figures under the stones showed how little the cover had availed them. There were places where wire fences had impeded the advance; here the carnage had been great and one brave fellow stooped in death, cut off, as he strove to wrench a post from its foundation.

"On the skyline out of the table land the dead lay thickest, this being the main spot where the attack had been checked, but the white flag was already there and strings of coolies digging the trench which is too often the soldiers' resting place.

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"We drove back to the Boer position, a little kopje where Schiel and his twenty-three men had made their last stand. The bodies of the 15 that had fallen of this little band were grouped as death had taken them. Some lay with heads sunken upon their rifle stocks, fighting to the end, another had died with his fingers pressing a charge into his magazine. What remained of the laager was a litter of shell fire. Wagons were splintered and overturned, foodstuff, dead horses and explosives lay in wrecked profusion. There remained no doubt that our shell fire had played upon the position with full effect, and one could only marvel that the Boers had stood to their guns so long. But as one of the wounded prisoners told me, later in the day, there was no room to retreat, the extended files of the Manchester Regiment overlapping the reverse of the kopje and sweeping the northern foot path, while the rain of shrapnel destroyed every living thing on the western slopes; and the scene at the farm house nestling at the fot of the ridge on the far side, bore out this statement. It was here that the Boers had brought their dead horses for cover and carcases lay piled on every side. The slaughter amongst the horses must almost have been as heavy as that of the men."

Boer Prisoners' Disappointment.

Captives on British Hulk Who Thought to View Cape as Conquerors.

Expected to Sweep Natal Before the British Troops Could Arrive.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Graphic's correspondent describing a visit to the hulk Penelope at Simons Bay, where the Boer prisoners are confined, undertaken ed States consul-general, writes;

in the company of Col, Stowe, the United States consul-general, writes;

"The majority of the prisoners are sleek, contented and indifferent. They told me that they though the war would be a picnic; that they would rush Natal before the Imperial troops arrived; that England would be involved in foreign complications, and that they would be able to dictate terms from Pieternaritz-burg and Durban. They thought to view the Cape Peninsula as conquerors, not from a prison ship.

"Hullo there,' shouts Consul-General Stowe, whose geniality is quite irresistible, 'Good day to you, Col, Shiel, Come out of that and tell me how are things.'

"The notorious Shiel—the man who was governor of prisons when the reformers were in jail and who created the Transvaal staats armory—steps down with some difficulty. His wound in the thigh is nearly healed, but he still required to use a stick—an ebony carved staff, which looks as though it might have a history attached to it. But the man interests one more than the stick. He looks as though he had a history, and he has. Shiel is a typical soldier of fortune, Grizzly gray hair, cropped close; aggressive military moustache, shrewd gray-blue eyes, a thick neck, a figure still unmistakeably active, but tending to stoutness—such is Col. Shiel in the flesh. As to bearing, he is a genial man of the world. He introduced us to some of his brother officers, including Capt. Van Leggel, a good looking cosmopolitan kind of a person, of modest mien, who told us he was born in Holland, educated in Germany and had a sister in St. Louis.

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The Consul-General speaks as one having authority, seeing that he was in the American civil war and to this day bears a mark of a bullet wound. The discussion is interrupted by Capt. Bruce. Sorry to interrupt you, says the Captain, but the launch is waiting. We strolled down to the dock accompanied by a little group of Boer officers who warmly thanked the Consul-General for his kindness in forwarding their letters to the Transvaal.

"Good-byees are said while the surrounding Boer prisoners glance up with lazy curious eyes and a minute later we are skimming across the bay to H. M. S. Doris, the flagship, which lies white and beautiful contrasting with the long black hull of the Powerful coaling near by. Ten minutes on the breezy deck with Commander Grant and we are again under way, while the Doris guns boom a salutes in honor of the visit of the representative of the United States."

The Mules' Stampede.

Details at Last Received of the Night Misadventure at Nicholson's Nek.

Frightened Pack Animals Mistaken for Charging Enemy and Confusion Follows.

British Made Stand in Exposed Position but Fought Desperately Many Hours.

London, Dec. 21.—The Times correspondent gives a graphic account and explanation of the British disaster at umn consisting of six companies of the Glousestership Regiment and No. 10

Mountain Batt ry were taken prisoners. "Two hours before daybreak," says the correspondent, "while the column was in inclosed country either a shot was fired or a boulder rolled into the bat ter; and column of route. The mules stampeded and easily broke away from their half asleep drivers. They came back upon the Gloucestershire Regiment, back upon the Gloucestershire Regiment, the advance party of whom fired into the bus, believing in the darkness that it was an attanek. This added the chaos. The ranks were broken by the frenzied animals and they dashed through the ranks of the rear guard carrying the first and second reserve annumition ani-mass, believing in the darkness that it panie. The animals wild with the shout-ing and the turmoil tore down the millah into the darkness and the last that was

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"The hubbuh of those few minutes was sufficient to have alarmed the enemy, by strenuous efforts, the officers succeeded in getting the men again under control and when daylight came they seized the first position which presented itself and which was about two miles short of the original goal. They were forced to take advantage of the first kopie as Boer scouts were all around them and the day was ushered in with desultory firing. It was a sorry position which they had chosen and the men were in a sorry plight. All their reserve anumunition was gone and though they had saved pieces of the screw guns, they were not able with these pieces to patch up a single mounting.

"From earliest daybreak Boer scouts were reconnoitering and about 6 o'clock Boers could be seen galloping in groups to the cover at the reverse of the hill on the west. Later two strong parties of mounted men took a position on the far side of the two hills commanding the kopie from the west. About 9 o'clock

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"The Boers on the west had not yet declared themselves, but about 200 marksmen climber to the position which the two companies of the Gloucestershires had just vacated. These men absolutely raked the plateau, and it was then that the men were ordered to take cover on the steep reverse of the kopje. As soon as the enemy realized this move, the men on the western hill teemed on to the summit and opened up on our men as they lay on the slope. They were absolutely hemmed in, and what had commenced as a skirmish seemed

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Naval Brigade

Will Figure in Next Reinforcements for Africa--No Cabinet Dispute.

Why No News Comes from the Front--London Gifts to Volunteers.

London, Dec. 22.-4:25 a.m.-There still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with officia

despatches.

Gen. Buller's casualty list at Colenso just published, shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers This makes a total larger than Gen Buller's original estimate.

Royal papers signed by the Queen are being circulated by the Archbishop to

being circulated by the Archbishop to the bishops of the various diocese authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7th in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

Interest centres for the moment in the preparation to send out reinforcements. The various city guilds have given an additional £12,000 for the expenses of the Imperial Volunteers besides gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia. The latest notable volunteers include the two nephews of Lord Roberts, Major Charles Scherston and Major Maxwell Scherston. Their brother was killed at Glencoe.

St. Petersburg, Dec 21.—The Central Arriculture bureau has published a report showing an increase of 20 per cent, in winter cereals over 1808 and an increase of 17 per cent, upon the average of the last five years,

LADYSMITH ALL RIGHT.

And Militia Still Well Supplied with Food and Ammunition and Troops in Good Spirits.

London, Dec. 22.-The Daily Mai

"We understand that news has arriv ed from Gen. White to the effect the Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated.
"The troops are described as in good

spirits and anxious to fight,"

Armored Train At Chieveley.

Heroism of the Little British Party Suddenly Thrown on the Veldt.

Bluejackets as Usual Equal to Emergency--Churchill's Soldierly Part.

London, Dec. 13.—(Via New York Dec. 21.)—Burleigh, the Daily Tele-graph's war correspondent, supplies a full recount of the annihilation of the arm ored train contingent at Chieveley, a which Winston Churchill was captur The train, it appears, with the exception of the engine, tender and two trucks, was badly wrecked by the removal of fish plates and the 72 men of the Dublin patch another Naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

It is believed in mobolizing the eighth division the war office will have recounse to some extent to the militia, it being deemed inadvisable to denude the home garrison over much of regulars.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michard Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expeditures.

According to a despatch from Capotown there is a good deal of distress in the Orange Free State owing to a scarcity of grain. Light Infantry, to say nothing of the five

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SECOND CANADA'S OWN.

General Hutton, Colonel Evans and Gat ling Gun Howard Among the Skilled Officers Mentioned.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The work of preparation for the second contingent is gaing abead with the utmost despatch. The department issued to-day complete instructions for the organization of mounised riths and artillery. The selection of officers is undecided, while applicant for commission are tumbling over themselves here. Gen. Hutton is binised desirons of commanding the contingent. A telegram was sent to Colonel Evans to-day at Dawson to harry here. Gaffing Jun decided, with General Huttons of the Maxing and Cape of the Maxing that the contingent. The authorities of the Methodist church and pressure to the first contingent.

LORD ROBERTS MESSAGE.

Timely Words to the Colonies and United States Approved by London, Dec. 22.—The morning papers give prominence to Lord Roberts' message and most of them comment editorally upon it.

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FAMED MUSICIAN DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 21.—M. Jean Lamerous the famous musical conductor died to day after a two days illness.

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Labor Delegates In Conference

Government to be Asked Repeal Arbitration and Conciliation Act.

Matters of Interest to the Wageearners Discussed at the Vancouver Meeting.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.-A conference delegates from the labor unions of Nanaimo, Vancouver and Victoria was held in the Labor hall last night. The object of the meeting was to consider the best methods to pursue to prevent the provincial sources of wealth being operated by under paid and over worked labor. Though the meeting was a lengthy one the conference ended without completing in entirely the work laid out.

The personnel of the convention was Ralph Smith, M.P.P., and Wm. Wood-

Ralph Smith, M.P.P., and Wm, Woodman, representing South Nanaimo, Nanaimo, eity and district; Ed. Harrop and T. H. Twigg, Victoria trades and labor council, and John Penrey, J. H. Watson, J. Morton and Geo, Bartley, Vancouver trades and labor council.

After three hours' discussion it was decided to ask the provincial government to repeal the Conciliation and Arbitration Act now on the statute books and in lieu thereof resenact the act of 1894 in slightly changed form, which provides for the establishment of a bureau of labor statistics and for arbitration and conciliation. The first change provides that the two arbitrators shall first entations. conciliation. The first change provides that the two arbitrators shall first endeavor to elect the third member and president of the board; failing in this the Lieutenant-Governor shall appoint, the third member who shall be a judge of the Supreme court. The other change proposed is to provide that no others but an incorporated labor organization of not less than seven members can demand the submission of a dispute to arbitration.

arose was whether it was advisable to make either party abide by the decision arrived at by the board of arbitration arrived at by the board of arbitration with a set penalty for violation or not. The final decision was to allow the act to stand as at present, which says, where the arbitrators, before hearing the case, decide to abide by the decision of the award such decision shall be as binding as a decision of the Supreme court.

The minority contended that the decision whether pre-agreed to or not by the board of arbitration should be L'nding and a heavy penalty provided for violation of such award.

The question of enacting a legal cighthour day in all branches of industrial trade was discussed and a resolution adopted which, while favoring an eighthour day provides that petitions shall

adopted which, while favoring an eighthour day provides that petitions shall be presented to the legislature by the trade or calling desiring such legislation before its enactment.

It was the opinion of the conference that a provincial trades congress should be established which would hold annual meetings. Owing to the lateness of the hour, no lines were laid down for forming such a congress.

Another conference will be held in Victoria about the middle of January.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others, whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness. One 's a dose, Try them.

A LUDGATE TICKET.

Deadman's Island Faction Nomina Candidates for Vancouver Municipal Offices.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.-The Ludgate Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The Ludgate labor party to-night nominated Ald, Brown for Mayor; Messrs, Tyson, Mal-kin and Robinson were nominated for park commissioners; C. Woodward, J. Ramsay and Stacey for school trustees, and W. Prentice and R. Kelly for license commissioners.

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UNEASINESS FOR RESCUERS.

Mounted Police Who Went to Help Ed monton Trailers Overdue at

Seattle, Dec. 21.—When W. A. Heb-ner and other Klondike passengers who reached here on the steamer City of To-peka, left Dawson, some fears were en-tertained for the safety of the expedition despatched by orders of the Canadian government to rescue any such persons as were found in distress along the ill-facted Edmonton trail. It was during as were found in distress along the ill-faced Edmonton trail. It was during the best days of August that Corp. Skir-ving, of the Canadian Mounted Police, out from Dawson, accompanied by omen. He had particular instructions

set out from Dawson, accompanied by two men. He had particular instructions to search for a party of prospectors which had, under the leadership of A. F. Moffatt, undertaken to go from Edmonton to the Klondike by way of that trail and the Peace river.

They left Edmonton in August, 1898, and were next and last heard from November 5, 1898. A note found on the trail stated that Moffatt and his men, who were nearly out of provisions, had started back to what was known as La Prairie liouse. They were then supposed to be between the Porcupine and the Mackenzie rivers.

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The Skirving rescue expedition went from Dawson to Fort Yukon, and thence up the Porcupine to Rampart house, a distance of perhaps 400 miles from the mouth of the stream, where they were last heard from. It was their intention to secure Indian guides at Rampart house, who would lead them across to the Mackenzie, meanwhile making a thorough search of the intervening mountains.

tains.

As for the Moffatt people, they have undoubtedly perished ever this, else, something would have been heard from them. No little uneasiness is felt in Dawson for Skirving, and it may be that ere this Major Perry, who had the mat-ter in hand, has despatched an expedition to rescue the rescuers.

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and Humphreys.

Gentlemen: Will you kindly enlighten the ratepayers of the city of Victoria in regard to the Point Roberts-Chilliwack railway scheme, which you are supporting by answering the following questions?

ing by answering the following questions?

1. What amount do the promoters of this scheme propose to pay Mr. Paterson for his equity of redemption in the Victoria & Sidney railway?

2. If it is correct that the Victoria & Sidney railway is now encumbered to the amount of \$420.000 paid by the corporation of the city of Victoria and the provincial government being guaranteed interest—on said bonds?

3. Has the said railway company ever paid any interest on its bonds?

4. What was the original cost of right of way construction and equipment of the said railway?

5. To show their own faith in the scheme, how much stock are the promoters prepared to subscribe in the company to be formed?

6. Have the promoters any guarantee on self-ter the Promotics of Postricial.

pany to be formed?

6. Have the promoters any guarantee from either the Provincial or Dominion governments that a subsidy shall be given to the said company to be formed?

7. Have you considered that private intensity and to be taken into according to the considered that the private intensity and to be taken into according to the considered that private intensity and to be taken into according to the considered that private intensity and the considered that private intensity and the considered that th

7. Have you considered that private incrests are to be taken into consideration in regard to the streets through which it is proposed to extend the Victoria & Sidney railway, from Hillside Avenue to the E. & N. railway?

S. What amount will the city require to pay to the said property owners to reamburse them for injury to their property by reason of said extension?

9. Have the promoters agreed to rent the market bailding at \$6,000 per annum provided the scheme is successfully provided the scheme is successfully loated, or has any agreement been ar

10. Is the Victoria & Sidney railway as good a piece of railway construction as any portion of the C. P. R. which was stated to be so by Mr. Paterson at a public meeting recently?

11. Is the road bed of the Victoria & Sidney railway properly ballasted and in proper shape to sustain heavy traffic which would necessarily follow in case of transcontinental connection?

By giving this information you will be conferring a great favor on some of the unintelligent ratepayers and also assist them in deciding how to mark their ballot at the forthcoming municipal campaign.

Yours Truly, W. McDONALD, North Park Street,

PERSONAL.

Robt, Irving, manager of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway Company, is in Victoria on a brief business visit.

Frank D. L. Smith, financial and mining editor of the Toronto World, who is "writing up" the mines of British Columbia, is in the city.

'H. M. Grahame was a passenger by the Charmer to Vancouver this morning, going to the Terminal City and New Westminster on a brief business visit.

The Misses Englehardt, Newling, Phair and Briggs, pupils at the Annie Wright Seminary, Tacoma, arrived home yesterday for the Christmas holidays.

J. H. Smith, day clerk at the Hotel Driard, left this morning via the C.P.R. for Toledo, Ohio, where he will spend a month.

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PALACE CAR MAN SUICIDES.

Washington, Dec. 21.—James Duan Washington, Dec. 21.—James Duane Taylor one of the most important offi-cers in the New York city Wagner Pal-ace Cur Co, and a son-in-law of the founder of the company, committed sui-cide to-day shortly after noon, by cut-ting his throat with a razor.

KHLED BY YOUNG WOMAN.

Natick, Mass, Dec. 21.—Louis Perry, until recently employed by the Dennison Manufacturing Co. at South Framingham, was shot and killed by Miss Lizzie Morse at her home in West Natick this afternoon. Miss Morse claims self defence.

LESS THAN TWO ROUNDS.

New York, Dec. 21.—Charley Goff of California met and defeated the English middleweight boxer Geoffry Thorn is less thut we rounds before the Hercules Athletic Club in Brooklyn to-night.

COPPER IN DAKOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—A special from Custer, S.D., says: "The Vigilante Mining Co., has struck a vein of copper ore in its mine that exceeds in value anything that has ever been found in the Black Hills. The mine is about five miles from Custer. The rich ore is found in the 300-foot level and the width of the vein at this time is ten feet."

THE WAR EAGLE MACHINERY

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The James Cooper Co., of Montreal, makers of electric mining machinery, to-day issued a writ for 8150,000 against the War Eagle Co., for alleged libel and slander, in connection with 'the installation of the electric hoist and compressor plant in the War Eagle mine. It is claimed an untrue statement was made, damaging to the Cooper Co., as a business concern.

BARON VON HUGEL DEAD.

Montreal. Dec. 20.—Baron Von Hugel, a well known man about town died this morning. He had heard that Lieut. Von Hugel, of the Royal Englacers was wounded in a recent engagement in South Africa, and he seemed to take the news badly. His daughter married Eber Ward, a brother of Princess DeChimay. GRAIN CAR BLOCADE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Notices have been issued by a number of roads running west from Chicago to the effect that the grain car blocade that existed among the lines east bound from this city during the past two or three months has been lifted. Old milroad men say that the blockade was the worst in local history.

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LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND-Alexandra Lodge A.O.U.W. hall, 2nd and dth Thursday

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ON BEHALF OF MR. J. RICHARDS We

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Estate of Frederick Williams, Deceased

Late of 2 Superior Street, Victoria. All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to present the same to us and all persons indebted to the deceased to pay the amount of their indebtedness to us forthwith.

CREASE & CREASE.

Solicitors for the Executrix, 17th December, 1890.

School of Physical Culture.

Mrs. D. R. Harris has commenced her-clusses in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street. Classes for children on Sat-urday afternoons at 2 p.m., beginning December 2nd.

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FOURTH ST. 2½ acres. Has been under cultivation. Price \$2900. \$250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. nll
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RICHMOND AND COWAN AVE. One acre under cultivation; fruit, etc. Two-story modern dwelling, \$2500, \$250 cash and \$250 per annum, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. ul1

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NIAGARA ST. 1½-acre lot and two-story dwelling, \$1500. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11 ADBORO BAY ROAD. 3½ acres, near Exhibition Buildings, \$1050. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. nil

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Stores and offices to let in all-parts of the city. Farms for sale in all parts of the Province. Call and see our list of properties for sale and to rent. B. C. LAND AND INVESTMENT AGENCY, 40 Government street,

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XMAS SMOKERS—Goods of the finest brands and quality for presents at 11, Geo, Mason's, Dawson Hotel Clgar & News Stand, 65 Yates street. d21

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TENDERS

FOR SALE-Two or three of the most desirable building lots in city, with a front age of 112 feet on the Dallas Road. Address A. C. West, Adelphi Building.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Wednesday, December 27th, for the supply of beer, aerated waters, groceries, tobacco, coal, etc., commencing on January 1st, 1900, to the Naval Canteen and Club, Esquimair. Tenders may be for the part or whole. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Navy Taking Precautions.

Steamboats Entering Esquimalt Harbor Will Be Required to Give a Signal.

Bark Reported Ashore Near Bonilla Point Was Not the Overdue Colusa.

The naval authorities at Esquimalt are enforcing more new regulations, looking to the protection of the dockyard and drydock. Yesterday it was told how they had doubled the guards and sentries and it is now learned that as a further precaution the harbormaster has been notified to instruct steamboat captains that they will have to give a certain signal before being allowed to enter the

NOT THE COLUSA.

Bark Which Was in Trouble Off Bonilla Point Was the Vidette,

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—There is little hope for the bark Colusa, which has at been reported foundered off Vancouver Island. One thing is certain, and that is it was not the Colusa which was seen by the lighthouse crew at Point Bonilla. B. It is now known that the vessel was the bark Vidette, now at Redendo.

Company's Masters.

Port Townsend, Dec. 21.—It is semiofficially announced that several important changes have been made or are contemplated in the Puget Sound Tugbon.

Company. The retirement of Capt.
Frank Clinger from command of the tug.
Holyoke has brought about the promotion to that vessel of Capt. John Bollong.
whose place on the Tacoma has been
taken by Capt. H. H. Morrison, of the
little tug Magic. William Drisko, chie
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MARINE NOTES.

The few remaining vessels of the local sealing fleet which will go out this season will not sail until after the Christmas holidays. The Teresa, Capt. Meyer, cleared yesterday for the West Coast.

The Charmer was three hours late in arriving from Vancouver last evening having been delayed by the late arrival of the overland train from the East.

In order to accommodate increasing business, the C. P. N. Company has decided that hereafter the company's steamers returning from Northern British Columbia ports shall make Vancouver a port of call en route to Victoria.

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The wrecked schooner Hera, which The wrecked schooner Hera, which sank at the month of Clayoquot harbor after having burned to the waters edge, and what may remain of the general cargo will be sold at auction under the direction of Collector A, R, Milne. Ship Yosemite, lumber-laden from Chemainus went to Port Angeles yesterday to secure a crew.

The Teutonic of the White Star line arrived at New York at 9 a.m. yesterday.

S. S. Mincola from Port Los Angele

due to-day.
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to load at Departure Bay is Jue to-mor-

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ASSOGIATION FOOTBALL.

Two Important Matches for Which Victorians" are making great preparations for the sculor Association Football Cup match to be played in the Caledonia grounds on Saturday. Dec. 30, against the Garrison, The Garrison, seem confident of winning and have certectual cup match to be played on the games against the local clubs and navy teams this year. The intermediate team of the Victorians has also to meet the Intermediate cup on New Year's Day also at the Caledonia Grounds. In order to get in trim and pick the teams a general practice of the club has been called for te-morrow afternoon at Beacon hill commercing at 10 o'clock. Drey member of the club should make a point of attending these practices and getting into good condition for the games.

The first game in the first round of the junior cup series will be played at Beacon hill to-morrow between the Columbia jr, and No. 2 Company Boys Brisand. This premises to be a most interview. The premises to be a most interview. The first game in the first round of the junior cup series will be played at Beacon hill to-morrow between the Columbia jr, and No. 2 Company Boys Brisand. This premises to be a most interview. The premises to the most perfect art, and in no faintest purchase the first although a forgy, dull sort of weather that makes you want to go home to get with the wind to associate Dickens with the wind the club will also practice at the secondary associated Dickens with the wind wind without, and cosy corners; of rain and wind without, and cosy corners of blaz ing first sand the learned promises about the delivery of getting into a constant the local clubs and navy teams this year. The intermediate team of the Victorias has also to meet the games against the local clubs and navy teams this year. The intermediate team of the Victorias has also to meet the games against the fart patient.

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Finance and Commerce

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New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market had to carry another heavy load of liquidation to-day. Trade was on a smaller scale than on any previous day this week, but the market was feveries and unsettled throughout, fluctuating constantly. The principal scilling pressure came from London, where the money difficulty was aggravated by renewed apprehension over the safety of British treops in South Africa and the advance official discount rate of time Bank of France. Closing prices:

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Arch, all paid.
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A, S, & W. CHANGE IN CAPTAINS.

Resignation of One Brings Promotion to Rest of Puget Sound Tugboat Company's Masters.

Port Townsend, Dec. 21.—It is sension of the promotion of the promot

PRODUCE AT CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 21.—The leading futures closed as follows: Whent—Dec. 66%c. May 60%67&c., July 70%c. Corn—Dec. 30%c. Jan. 30%c., May 33c. Oats—Dec. 22%c.

LONDON'S PATRIOTISM.

Could Be Raised in the Metropolis.

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Actor Roberts Makes a Hit.

His "David Garrick" Rouses Victorian's to a Pitch of Wild Enthusiasm.

A Characterization That Has In It the Fire of True Genius.

One and only once during the pas three seasons have Victoria theatregoers been so roused from their characteristic undemonstrative appreciation as they were last night when Mr. H. P. Roberts the Australian actor, presented the century-old play of "David Garrick"—but in such a way as to magnetize, it electrify it with new life, and make the handful of people in front of the foot-lights forget all else save the master artist and his art.

It was unquestionably a triumph fo Mr. Roberts—unknown, unheralded, a stranger from a distant land—to take the American city of Portland by storm. It was a greater triumph when last night conservative Victoria caught the infec-

conservative Victoria caught the infection of his genius, and cheered and cheered again in a delirium of enthusiasm.
Such scenes have not been witnessed in
this staid, sober city since the great
"battle of the sexes"in Sowing the Wind
compelled a somewhat similar tribute to
the majecty of art.

Mr. Roberts' triumph last night was
the greater, perhaps, because of the
somewhat hackneyed nature of the vehicle of its expression, "David Garirek'
is not a new play; far from it. It is
supposedly based upon an actual episode
in the career of the great English actor
Garrick; and ever since Garrick's day
each ambitious follower of the history
was whose heart is in his homeable
calling has in succession flavored it with
his individuality.

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A masterly defence of the people of the minine, mirror world—a play of mighty opportunities, no wonder is it that Booth and Barrett, McCullogh and McDowell, Nat Goodwin and Lawrence Hanley—each has essayed the part, and in it added to his fame.

Last evening it was Mr. Roberts' turn to show that its opportunities are yet far from exhausted. In his hands the Garrick of other days lived again and walked the stage. It was not a mere study intelligently presented—it was such a study vivified with the spark of genius. The version of the familiar old play chosen by Mr. Roberts for his Victoria triumph is a combination of the Roberts on Muskerry arrangements, somewhat modified, altered and adapted by Mr. Roberts himself. It has the same enricature types in Smir'is, Brown, Jones, Mrs. Smirh and Miss Brown as the unchanged Muskerry version, last presented here by Lawrence Hanley; and gains but little in general dialogue value through the innovations that are made.

Its greatness is derived wholly and entirely from Mr. Roberts art. To quote from the lips of his own "Garrick," "the words are the noble poet's own—the fire, feeling, passion, force, the man in short' he is—he acts—he feels. Even as Hamlet, Macbeth, Lear—so Garrick "lives again."

Mr. Roberts of course concentrates his

again."
Mr. Roberts of course concentrates his art upon the great third act scene in which he redeems his promise to Ada's father, calling all his talent to aid him

To-night "David Garrick" will be repeated with the afterpiece, and the house will no doubt be more in keep ng with the talent of the actor. Those who were present list evening will not feil to advertise bits consideration. his excellence. GREASEPAINT.

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The following despatch in the Eastern press respecting the bye-elections recently reported, gives more details of the situation there than hitherto published: Charlottetowa, P.E.L., Dec., 18...—The bye-elections for the provincial house, King's and the mourth district of Charlottetowa, P.E.L., Dec., 19...—The bye-elections for the provincial house, King's and the mourth district of King's and the fourth district of King's and the fourth district of King's, the latter defeating the provincial house, King's and the fourth district of King's, the latter defeating the provincial house, King's and the fourth district of King's, the latter defeating the provincial house, King's and the mourth district of King's and the fourth district of King's and the mourth district of King's and the fourth district of King's the hydron despatch in the Eastern preserve the best and Olineas assuring trained than dollar and Chleago. The only prefer the mid of Controlled the Plotted that All Transcontine the Mand Chleago. The only prefer the mid Olineas assuring trained than dollar and Chleago. The

Attorney-General McKinnon by 31 majority.

"The result denves the house thus: Opposition 15, government 14. It is thought probable that the government will appeal to the country. Fred Peters, one of its supporters, is in British Columbia.

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"At the last provincial general election the Liberal government, then led by Fred Peters, won seventeen of the thirty seats, while the Conservative opposition took thirteen. This, with the speaker off, gave the government a majority of three in the house. To vacancies were created in government constituencies—one by the appointment of the attorney-general to a judgeship. The attorney-general to a judgeship. The attorney-general to a judgeship. The attorney-general to be suppositioned for the fourth district of King's.

"The bye-elections were delayed until the return of Sir Louis Davies from London. That gentleman campaigned in the vacant constituencies on behalf of the government candidates. The defeat of the two ministerialists gives the opposition fifteen members, and leaves the government with but fourteen.

"In addition to this Fred Peters, the late premier, resides in British Columbia now. He has held on to his seat, being afraid to drop it, as the vacancy would be filled by a Conservative. At the last session of the legislature Mr. Peters travelled all the way from Vancouver to Charlottetown to attend the session. The result of the bye-elections leaves the government in a minority of one, and with Mr. Peters absent, in a minority of two.

"Mr. Farquharson, the Premier, succeeded Mr. Peters in that office a year ago."

MANY A LOVER

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THE WAR

The preparations which the Empire is putting forth in order to restore the authority of the British crown over South Africa will have a profound effect not only upon the nation but upon the world at large. Hitherto the British Empire has not been regarded as a leading military power, but from present indica tions it is likely to take a foremost position in this respect among the nations. The defeat of the Boer forces is a task calling for great energy and patience— a combination not always found in any one people. Long years of prosperity have led the British people to undertake their possible enemies. It is not cor rect that we went into the Boer campaign with a light heart, but we certainly did appreciate the magnitude of the difficulties to be encountered, and we are reaping the result of over-confidence in unexpected reverses and vexatious de lays. But it is a trait of the British character to grow stronger under a strain and the rule is holding good in this case. The story of British valor at Colenso

is only what would be expected, and a pity of it is that such valiant men must lay down their lives for so little pur pose. No one need have any fear tha our soldiers will fail in their duty under any circumstances. The only question is as to the ability of our commanders with the forces at their disposal to turn the enemy's positions, which are so strong that to take them by a frontal attack is a task of tremendous dif-

The repeated stories of Boer abuses of the flag of truce serve to show how ill-fitted they are as a people to exercise the rights of civilized government. Every Briton will heartily appland

the determination of the government as expressed by Mr. Gerald Balfour to prosecute the war to a successful issue no matter at what cost.

We assume that the absence of new from the front is to be accounted for by the fact that the commanders of the several columns are preparing plans whereby a direct attack upon the Boer positions can be avoided. Reinforcements are going forward to Gen. Buller from the Cape, from which we infer that no anxiety is felt as to Methuen's column and that the intention is to force the Foer position on the Tugela by a flank movement.

FROM A BUSINESS

POINT OF VIEW.

The discussion at the city council meeting over the Victoria-Chilliwack by-law more than justified the criticisms of the Colonist, which have been directed not against a railway ferry to the British Columbia Mainland, but to the financial details of the fatherless scheme now submitted in the form of a proposed

Perusal of the report of the discussion shows that the idea of the aldermen having the proposed by-law in charge is rush it through with a lot of general allegations as to the benefit of the proposed ferry and railway. Upon this point there may or may not be much difference of opinion. The Colonist has already declared itself in favor of such a connection if it can be obtained in a manner that can be supported from a business point of view. Therefore, in what may be said in these columns here after we wish it to be understood that we are addressing our retarks solely to

the particular scheme nor submitted. Who are behind this scheme? The question is not of great importance because as far as has been disclosed it seem as if the municipality of the city of Vic man Stewart said in so many words that the citizens of Victoria are to be the company, and he is the seconder of the by law. The proposition is, therefore, that the city of Victoria shall embark in the business of railway construction and management. Are the ratepayers prepared for this? Has the city the legal nsidera tion emphasizes the force of the point made by Alderman Hayward and Alderent trade to greater advantage than a man McGregor, when they objected that under the by-law the city is asked to as-

same an unlimited responsibility. We have asked who is behind this scheme; but this is not for the parpose this is, and it certainly ought to be, true of every enterprise. We ask the question because it is right to know who proposes to charge himself with the responsibility f seeing the project through in case the by-law is carried. That the person or persons, who undertake this, will make closed the existence of ores of gold, copsomething out of it must be taken for per and silver end land. Coal has ab be no objection to the scheme. But the fit for settlement, and in fact the whole ratepayers have a right to know who region only needs transports ion facilithese people are and how much of their ties to take a foremost place in the murch own money they propose to venture in of progress now manifest in so many the project. This is important because it is evident that the by-law will be very crament will see its way clear to take materially amended. Who is to say this matter up, and we have to comple whether any one will undertake to put ment Capt. Clifford, M.P.C., upon his the matter through on the amended by-law. Let the people behind the project come out and declare themselves, and then there will be some chance of findinks reference to what Canada has din ing out something as to details. We do has done and is about to do in the internot cate who they are, as long as they are persons who will tes ify their good faith by putting up a reasonable amount of two contingents a little over 1,900

of their own money. There will then be ome one to whom the ratepayers can eok for information. Here are some of the questions upon which light ought to be cast before this scheme will & before the ratepayers as a business proosition:

Why ask for \$2,000,000 capital, \$509,000 of bonds and \$300,000 of bonus for railway and ferry that are not to cos

the present earning capacity of that line; What route is it proposed to follow from Hillside Avenue to the centre of he city?

How is it proposed to cross the depres sion or depressions to be encountered on the streets, that is, is it proposed to build embankments or trestles?

Are the powers conferred upon muni-cipalities to authorize tramways or other railways to be laid in the streets wide nough to authorize the laying of a steam railway, or must not the expression to the railways' be construed to mean ailways similar to tramways?

If the city has the power to give street to a railway company, what ight, if any, have the owners of abo ing property to compensation, and w will be charged with paying that compen

What are the details of the cost of the xtension of the railway from Hillside avenue to the centre of the city, that is now much is put down for construction how much for right of way and how anch for compensation of persons whos property is rendered useless thereby?

What will it cost to put the V. & S ailway into condition to carry transcon inental traffic?

How much is it proposed to expend on terminals in this city, and where be hey to be located?

What will it cost to build the ferr erminal at Sidney, and have plans of the ame been made?

bility of White Rock " · termina, pur poses; how long a wheel will be reeded there and what will the cost be?

What data are available as to the cost f a line from White Rock to Chilliwack. These are reasonable business que ion, which the aldermen should require ome one to answer before submitting We purposely avoid asking for evidence that any one will subscribe the proposed \$100,000 of capital, or that any government bonusses will be forth-These are important matters but the by-law may be made conditiona upon these matters being provided for.
Whether some or all of them should be assured before the city pledges itself to put \$500,000 in the scheme is a matter on which there may be a difference of opinion; but there can be no such difference upon the absolute necessity for in formation upon the questions asked above, before any one can express an intelligent opinion as to the scheme from a business standpoint. Would not any in dividual insist on the above questions be ng answered before investing a dolla of his own money, and ought they not to \$500,000 and assumes an additional in definite liability?

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that in quoting from the by-law in an editorial we said that the money to be raised might be used for the railway "or any other purpose, etc.," whereas the bylaw says "and any other purpose, etc. We make the correction, but do not think the substitution of the word "or" for "and" offected the argument, for in any case the powers of the trustees under the by-law would be construed by the courts to be confined to matters germane to the specified undertaking.

A ROAD TO OMINECA

Not many matters of greater import nce than the improvements of the fa cilities for reaching Omineca have occu oied the attention of the Board of Trade The Ommeca district is one of great po tentiality, although its development has been retarded by the lack of facilities There is some danger that the Coas cities may find themselves cut out of this trade by reason of the country being tapped from the East. We may direct attention to the fact that a subsidy has been granted for a railway from Edmon ton westward, and we know the intention of the promoters to be to reach out in some way for the business to be deveoped in Omineca.

In the meantime it is of the highest importance that Court present and to secure what additional business will be developed.

The value of the Omineca district i now established beyond all cavil. Nex season will witness a great increase in of suggesting that some one is going to make money out of it, for we assume propositions will begin working. Very little attention has been paid to the min eralization of he distirct, for the reason that the distance from rail or water car riage is so great that nothing could be done with properties if they were dis granted and that they would do so should been found. There is a good deal of land

Lord Roberts was very complimentary

strong measures the willingness of the people of Canada to aid the Mother I and in her struggle. If the call were for five times the number, the people would nobly respond and would sustain the government in incurring the necessary expense. There is no complaint at what the government is toing; but there is complaint that more is not being done. As soon as the second contagent is atloat, preparations ought to be begun for a third. How much will it cost to acquire the people are ready to pay the bids. If Victors & Sidney railway, and what is Sir Wilfrid Laurier has any doubt about it, let him call parliament together and propose to send 10,000 men, and he will have a demonstration of willing loyalty that will echo around the world. Col. Prior, M.P., deals with this matter in a vigo: Jus letter, which we print to-day.

Congratulations to Mr. H. R. Roberts upon his masterly presentation of David Garrick.

The Columbian says it is not inspired by the government, does not speak for the government and does not know what the government proposes to do. If our ontemporary is not backing the Semlin-Cotton combination, then they are worse off than we thought.

The Vancouver merchants are breaking all records in the matter of advertising, that is of purely commercial advertising, in British Columbia, healthy sign and shows that the busines of the Terminal City are full of ge and energy. The two greatest cities on the Coast to-day from the advertising standpoint are Vancouver and Seattle.

Mr. Frank Richards, who is known to many people in British Columbia in connection with the Northern gold fields, sends us a copy of the prospectus of an expedition which he is organizing in England to go to Atlin next year. His plan s to organize one or more parties of fifty each. We rather like the idea, Fifty active young men with a little means and competent leaders ought to make a sucess of it anywhere in the Golden North.

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Perfidious friences who take-not give, Till giving notic bost half its grace; A paltry bond (batts frigirive-The Instinct of stylded race-A transitory, frieadly note When foes have selzed them by the throat.

Away all such the good friends; We fear no food, we can be just, We dedicate to higher ends The souls that animate our dust, Not ours to palter, eringe or steal; But help-like into-the commonwe.

What the the hour is dark with care, And sorrow broods o'er many hearts: The best may grieve, but none despair, While pain a nobler joy imparts. Our star, in darkness, brighter glows Than in the noonday of repose.

From out the turnoll and the strife Shall Britain rise with spotless fame, And stake agralo in radiant life. Victorious from the threat of shame, And not the envy of the world Can furl the flag that's now unfurled -FREDERIC IRVING TAYLOR.

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This department is in charge of Mr. Brandt of New York, and customers can rely on the same high character of Ladies' Tailoring from his hands as dressmaking from the workrooms of Mrs Angus.

Sample styles are shown in Cloak department. Fitting rooms are those fronting on Government street lately used by Miss Mallette and adjoin the dressmaking fitting rooms.

VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napler Denison.]

e zero of the accompanying scale corr ponds to 14 feet of water in the chan off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above t still of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Thursday, Dec. 21.		Friday, Dec. 22.		
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero	
7:55 a.m.	90 feet.	0:10 a.m.	26 feet.	
12:40 p.m.	7.3 feet.	8:20 a m.	89 feet.	
4:0) p. m.	7.5 feet.	1:50 p.m.	6.5 feet.	
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Xmas week at Weiler Bros,' is a very busy season. This year they expect a larger business than usual. Call early and view their interesting stocks,

Meetings Postponed.—The W.C.T.U. meetings arranged for yesterday and next week have been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, any time before Xmas. Bring the children with you. It will delight them and please you.

Will Meet at Colwood.—The Victoria Hunt Club members meet for their week-ly run on Saturday at 2 o'clock, at Colwood.

The man on the street corner adver-tises his wares—by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying "Hondi." Ask all those friends of yours who use

Holiday presents, comprising English Dram Flasks, Silver-Mounted Pipes, Shaving, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Boxing Gloves, Footballs, Punching Bugs, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons', 72 Douglas street.

The Williams B, C, Directory will be published about the 1st of April or sooner, completely revised and corrected up to date. A complete index of the Mineral Act of 1896, with Revised Statutes as amended 1898 and 1899; also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1899-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

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take any seal skin garment into the States that they may desire, without any detention or inconvenience.

To Entertain Orphans.—The Animated Specialty Company at 86½ Douglas street have kindly offered to entertain the children of the Orphans' Homes free with a fine programme of life motion pictures on Saturday afternoon.

Four Months for Dishonesty, — The ittle Japanese house-servant Yoi Abe, who was apprehended with a quantity of jewellerty and a sun of money in her possession belonging to Mrs. Bishop, her employer, was yesterday sentenced to our months at hard labor. She had concessed her guilt.

Ball Accounts.—The Fifth Regiment ball committee held their meeting last night but were unable to close their business as all the accounts had not been sent in. Businessmen holding accounts against the committee are requested to send same, addressed to C. W. Hollyer, secretary, Drilf hall, not later than Tuesday.

Who Has Lost Coal Oil?—The city po-lice gathered in yesterlay a notorious sneak thier registered as Ah Suey, against whom innumerable convictions have been recorded in the past. He had against whom influenceable convictions have been recorded in the past. He had a quantity of groceries and a five-gallon tin of coal oil in his possession, and is mable to give a satisfactory explanation of where he obtained the several articles. The police would be glad to hear from anyone who has missed such property.

Savored of Blackmail.—The charge of selling liquor during prohibited hours, which had been preferred against the Queen's hotel by an ex-boarder named Campbell, was yesterday morning dismissed by Magistrate Hall, who expressed the opinion that the prosecution savored distinctly of blackmail. As there was a doubt created by the contradictory character of the evidence, the court decided to give the house the benefit.

Christmas Treat.—The little folk of the Baptist mission, Burnside road, were Lonored with the first visit from Santa Claus this season, on Wednesday evening, when after a really first class programme of songs, recitations, and other exercises the patron saint of children made his appearance—looking as hale, hearty and jolly as in days of yore—and distributed gifts for all from a well filled tree.

Remembered the Little Folk.—It is the unanimous opinion of the little folk of the Protestant Orphanage that they have no truer or dearer friend than Miss Dunlop, the lady who has so kindly and freely undertaken their kindergarten instruction fer some time past. On Tuesday evening she made all particularly happy by giving her apreciative pupils a gentine Christmas treat, the gifts being well selected, and the happiness of the recipients complete.

Holiday Train Service.—For the convenience of holiday travellers between the various points on the line of the Island radway, the management of the E. & N. railway announce that excursion tickets will be on sale to and from all stations, available for the going journey on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, and for return not later than Tuesday, December 26. Special arrangements will also be made for New Year's travellers.

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Organ Recital.—At the last of the series of Advent organ recitals to be given on Sunday evening Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Loewen, Miss Jameson, Mrs. Janion and Major Monro; violinist, Mr. E. Powell, and assistant organist, Mr. Losse Longfield. In addition to singing a selection from the "Messiah" Mrs. Janion will sing a hymn of intercession for soldiers at the front written by R. H. Featherston, copies of which will be supplied to the congregation.

plied to the congregation.

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For Hearing To-day,—The case of the Chinese thief Ging Wah Sing, self-convicted of the theff of a box full of clothing belonging to a brother Celestial, will be disposed of in the city police court this morning, when it is possible several of the witnesses will be arraigned either as thieves or accessories. From their own testimony they were all aware of the stolen box being brought to the cabin that is their common home, and to prethe stolen box being brought to the cabin that is their common home, and to prevent sudden disappearances all have since been detained as necessary witnesses. The company, who are suspected of constituting a dishonest gang, includes Ah Foe, Ah Fone, Ah Bow, Ah Sam, Ah Hui, Ah Hugh, Ah Kui, Fok Wan, Ah Chue and Ah Him—although they had given altogether different names on being first interviewed by the police.

feature a varied programme by the papi's in the afternoon, and the High School will also assemble voluntarily at 2 o'cle, to the presentation by It's Honor, the Lieutemant-Governor of the Governor-General's medals, and the connective drill for the flag presented by Ald, Hayward. The boys of the Central have arranged a very interesting programme for presentation from 11 to noon. As the simultaneous closing will prevent all the trustees attending all the schools, the visiting list has been made up as follows, each trustee addressing a separate school; North Ward, Mr. McCandless; Halbide, Mrs. Gordon Grant; Victoria West, Dr. Hall; High school, Mr. Meryan; Spring Ridge, Mr. Marcham; Kingston street and South Park, Mr. McMicking; Girls' Central, Mrs. Will:am Grant; and Boys' Central, Superintendent Eaton, There will be no general promotion lists this Christmus, the examinations—except for the High School—being held only at midsummer.

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Containing Christmas Greetings May Be Sent to Boys at the Front.

The committee who arranged the several successful patriotic concerts in aid of the Mansion House fund, are considering the advisability of sending a cable-gram to Captain Blanchard containing Christmas greetings from Victoria to the British Columbia members of the Canadian contingent now in South Africa, and no doubt the suggestion will be extend upon. It is felt that such an act adian contingent now in South Africa, and no doubt the suggestion will be acted upon. It is felt that such an act would be much appreciated by "the boys" now at the front, who would thereby be reminded, even in the dim of battle, that friends thousands of miles away have remembered them, on an occasion which all the world celebrates. The cablegram would contain perhaps twenty words, and the cost of transmission alout \$30. Some are of the opin's that it would be a proper act for the city to undertake the duty of seasing on callicial message containing Victoria's Cin'stmas greetings, the despatch to? e six aed by Mayor Redfern.

Suit for Damages—In the county court yesterady, Mr. Justice Drake presiding, the action of Captain Land vs. the J. I. Card Steamship and Trading Co., for damages for dismissal was heard, Judgment was reserved. Mr. Alexis Martin appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. Peters, Q. C., for the defendants,

Narrow Escape—"Mrs, Bush, wife of Engineer Bush of the fire 'department is to be congratulated because of her narrow escape from drowning. She was crossing from West Dayson or Priday afternoon and broke through in jes, Had it not been for the prompt assis, ance of Messrs, A. J. Bell and W. I. Hamilton, both employees of the gold commissioner's, we should to deabt have occasion to record a m. distressing death—one which we and have thrown the entire community into mourning,"—Yukon Sun.

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Willison Resigns,—Crown Timber Inspector Willison, of the Klondike, has signified to the Canadian government his desire to give up the office which he had for nearly two years past. He massed his resignation to the Ottawa government early in November, and as soon as it is accepted he will engage in mining ventures. Inspector Willison recently made an extended four of some of the principal creeks of the Klondike, notably Bonanza, Eldorado, Dominion and Hunker, and upon his return to Dawson he declared that he found more work being done on Dominion than on all the other streams of the district combined. "But" he said, "there is great activity of the creeks, Where gining is not a actual progress, the properation of the large are under way."

New Office.—A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the N. hern Pacific at Portland, and L. A. No at Scattle agent, visited Vancouver, where they established a general agent, and the Northern Pacific. J. O. McMull. hes been appointed general agent, and the Northern Pacific. J. O. McMull. hes been appointed general agent, and the Northern Pacific. J. O. McMull. hes been appointed general agent, and the Northern Pacific. J. O. McMull. hes been appointed general agent, and the Northern Assistant of the passenger and the Mullen, who has the Mullen, who has the Applicant for the position, is well known in Coast railroad circles. He has been connected with the Northern Pacific on the Coast for the past twelve years, occupy ag various positions. For several years he has been associated with Alex. Thiling in the Tacoma office. Mr. Salisbury has for several years been connected tith the Canadiun Pacific railway, both in Scattle and it Vancouver.

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Science for the Children—In connection with the annual Christmas treat for the children of St. Andrew's Prebyters in church to be hold this evening the Reenigen Fation of the working of the Reenigen Fation with the annual Christmas treat for the Hittle people.

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Santa

Claus.

Santa Claus in our East window, eated in his snow-covered sleigh,

and driving his biggest reindeer. And while down, come inside and take a peep at that big table full of Xmas neckwear—three express snip-ments of all the latest novelties and

most exclusive patterns, piled high on one big table and all marked 50c.

On the lot are ties that up-town for the lot are the that up-town stores are selling for 75c., while a few exclusive furnishers are getting S5c, and 90c, for no better.

One more turn of the wheel of time and 1900 will come into view. Will you start the boy right with a

new Xmas suit of clothes? \$2.50 to

Our 50c, SHR IIIII I HARDKETCHIES are the same size and value as those we sold you last Xmas. SHk prices have advanced 40 per cent, since then, A word to the wise is suffi-cient.

If your best fellow wants breeing

nt your best fellow wants brighing up, remember our suspended department, 50c, and 75c, buys a good "brace-up" here,

Every glove want, in all desirable

shades and styles, here. 60c, to

hats that always get "a head," \$1.0 to \$2.50 buys a good head-covering.

Wonder if ladies realize how well

stocked we are, with just those practical, sensible things men most desire for a Xmas gift? You may look without being forced to buy.

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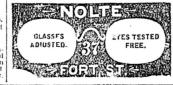
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The Westside Store News.

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Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for blouses, 65c 75c \$1 and 50cts. All our choicest Check and Stripe Silks will be sold this week at \$1,25

Cold Taffeta, all shades, 75 cents.
worth \$1.00, this week 75 cents.
Cold Gro Grain, all chades,
worth \$1.25, this week 90cts.
We have just received to-day a large
stock of black Bengalines, black Fairles
black Brocades, black Taffetas, black
Peau-de-Sois and black Duchesse satin.

Silk Hose

WHAT a world of comfort, luxury and prettiness! A thoughtful thing to give.

Ladies' Silk Plaited Hose, assorted opera shades, 90c, and 65cts

Ladies' special black Silkspun 81.50

Belts for Gifts

THERE are two ways of inviting you to see the Christmas collection of Belts—to tell of the many hardsome ones and describe their beautits, or to tell you of the new

Dog Collar Belt, we have them \$1.75 Fancy clast's Enameled and Sequim designs. \$2.00

FURS

FASHION is agog over the small furs — cluster — scarfs collareftes and muffs. A large stock of grey Oppossum Collars...from \$2 to \$5 Muffs to match\$2.00 to \$4.00 Lynx Collarettes \$4.50

Lynx Muffs to match\$4.50 Collarettes of different styles and qualities of Fur, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.50, \$14, and a few 16.50 of those beauties at......16.50 Muffs to match any of the

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Canada's Duty At Present.

Col. Prior Discusses the Send-

any sent by sent contingent of the South Africa.

Lack of Patriotism in High Places and Strange Attitute of Quebec.

To the Britter of the Oscillaria, Sir. As it is now admired by the Sir. As it is

action, even if the troops are allowed to go at all. I am aware that some will "Those telegraphic despatches are only sent by some Conservative reporter in Ottawa to make capital for his party,"

kicking vigorously against any expense of own," the fifth verse of which runs as being incurred by Canada in the trans-

Vive l'Empereur" may follow by God Save the Queen" is h
God save the nation,
The toleration,
And the free speech that
known.

Britons, guard your own.

Britons, guard your own.
And that is the best answer I can give
to La Patrie why Canada should "interfere" in South Africa. "Britons, guard
your own." Great Britain has been
challenged by a country that has refused
rights to Britons that they themselves
are granted everywhere the Union Jack
floats; her territory has been invaded by
a foe who has been preparing secretly
for yours for this country. a foe who has been preparing secretly for years for this combat. Canada being part, the banner colony, of the great British Empire, it is as much to her interest to see the Empire maintained as it is that of England, Scotland or Ireland. Who, I would ask, guards our shores with her ships; who protects our commerce on the high seas, and enables us to lie down at night in peace and security knowing that none dare molest us? It is Great Britain. And what do we pay for all this? Absolutely nothing. Not a dollar do we pay for it. That being the case, I cannot conceive that there is a man in Canada who can be so contemptibly small, so unnaturally mean, as to grudge paying a small something to assist the Motherland when she stands in danger, as she does now, of being left in "splendid isolation" to face the whole world. Great Britain spends 45 per cent, of her total revenue for Imperial defence, of which all the colonies get equal benefit without being taxed for it. Her taxpayers for naval and military defence He rose upon their decks, and he cried. "I have fought for queen and faith like a vallant man and true: I have only done my duty, as a man is

a valiant man and true:

I have only done my duty, as a man i
bound to do;

With a joyful spirit I, Sir Richard Gren
ville, die!'

And he feli upon their decks, and he died.

*[This letter was intended for yester day's issue of the Colonist, but was de layed in transmission.—Ed, Colonist.]

Letters to the Editor.

"SONS OF THE EMPIRE."

Sir: In your issue of Thursday last I be "A Devonian" advocates the formaentirely too narrow-minded. Regarding my own birth-place I cannot say whether it is in Warwickshire or Staffordshire, another is in Worcestershire, and the other in Staffordshire. Why not take a more liberal view of the matter and let a society be formed to be called the Sons of the British Empire? I have lived in the Dominion of Canada some 19 years and all my family have been raised there and let a work was consequently. upon Canada as our country

J. E. PAINTER.

ANTI-BRITISH CITIZENS.

the exibition of flags other than a shop windows. Thinking that

Chirstmas decorations in England and other parts of 'the British Empire, and were placed in my window without any knowledge as to whether national or political significance.

I trust that I have not in any way offended the feelings of any British subject; in conclusion I beg to say that the words "Anti-British Citizen" does not or eyer as applied to.

DON'T LET US FORGET.

Sir: Your correspondent signing "J. M. M." has evidently struck something in the shape of a mare's nest. The one thing Britishers are inclined to be proud of is the fact that upwards of seventy thousand men with supplies, etc., have been landed and sear to the front within ten weeks from the time the Boers crossed the border, and that without interfering with ordinary traffic. It took Spain years, and then mostly by British ships, to put her armies in her foreign possessions, and so far she has been unable to re-transport all of them.

them.
To quote another instance, France took three months to transport 10,00 men to Madagascar, the contract for part of her supplies being on patriotic grounds let to a French firm, but was ultimately car-

W. S. G. DR. CAMPBELL'S SERMON.

Sir: I have not long been a resident in this part of the world and for that reason unacquainted with your institutions and freedom of speech, but I am surprised that no one has made any remark on the prologue to the sermon preached by Dr. Campbell, in the First Presbyterian church as reported in your paper of the 19th instant.

Who are the incompetent generals and superior officers? Surely not Generals Buller, Gatacre, Methuen, Wuuchope or White? General Wauchope led the Highland Brigade at Maggersfontein and paid for that surprise with his life,

Highland Brigade at Maggersfontein and paid for that surprise with his life. Chaplain Robertson states that "although the kopiis and ridges appeared deserted yet they swarmed with men," the Highland Brigade advanced against an invincible enemy, a position chosen, and preparation, General Catagre, was migled by his General Catagre, was migled by his

fell into an ambuscade is not to be wood dered at.

Gen. Buller by yesterday's new's apparently could not draw the enemy's fire and so discover his position.

I am not apologizing for these generals: they have mad a sad experience and it is to be hoped will profit by the lesson, but at the same time what authority has Dr. Campbell to say that Colonels McDonald or Mathias would have done any better? Is it true that the generals in command are placed in these responsible positions only by accident of birth, wealth, or influence? Or have they no previous record? The English nation are only too prone to criticize their countrymen without comparing their deeds and failures with those of other nations. Take the continent of Europe: of these Germany is without much if any experience of this kind of warfare; France has not a clean sheet in either Tonquin, Madgassar or Mexico; Russia (if my memory does not fail me—I am getting old) lost a few thousands in getting to Merv; Italy found Abyssinia a hard nut to

crack; Spain has had her reverses. Yet because we are not always successful we are led by incompetent generals, etc. I was a well grown lad during the Crimean war time. I was in India under the Honorable East India Company during the dark days of the Mutiny. I have lived in India many days of my life and seen many small wars of sorts, and in all if any mishap it has always been the cry "incompetence of generals;" no allowance made for the difficulties of their position, and yet we have wen through

lowance made for the difficulties of their position, and yet we have won through and probably shall again.

I am not a soldier, so I am not sticking up for my cloth, but as an Englishman I think until we know more about it such seathing remarks as those made by Dr. Campbell are quite uncalled for and do far more harm than good. More difficult positions than our generals are in at present, and have been in, it is difficult to imagine. to imagine.

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John R. Reavis in Grand Forks Miner. The development of the Cascade water power, on Kettle river, twelve miles below Grand Forks, is now proceeding with a large force of men and has reached such a stage that it deserves to attract the notice of the entire Boundary country, in which it is to find, when completed, its chief, if not sole employment. For some reason this enterprise does not attract the

NOVELTY IN DAM STRUCTURE. The building of dams is like the building of bridges, each particular work demanding some special features of its own. The dam being put in at Cascade is not like anything of the kind heretofore seen in the country. The engineer in charge and the designer of the dam is William Anderson.

spreads out into a wide circular basin caused no doubt by the engorgement of the water in the canyon below, and the water falls over the rim rock above the deeper channel in a semi-circle. Around this semi-circle, with its foundations botted into the solid rim rock, the dam is being built. The dam itself is not in the form of a semi-circle, but in the form of a bisected polygon, having three faces of different lengths, the fotal length being 400 feet. This irregularity of form gives it additional power, for the water above does not come down squarely against a straight wall, but comes against several, which has the effect of compressing them and of making the work self-locking. The frame work of the data is of logs. They are built up in the form of cribbing and broken rock has been thrown in the cribs. About 55,000 linear feet of logs will be required in the structure. The foundation is 40 feet across, and the greatest height will be 53 feet. Between the cribs are gates, there being twelve altogether, and by raising and lowering these the water can be kept in complete control. This feature of the work appears to have been most admirably conceived and executed. It not only controls the water going into the flumes, but it minimizes the danger of the breaking down and washing away of the dam. The construction of the dam has been seriously interfered with of late by unprecedented high water for this season of the year, in fact, the men had to be laid off altogether for some time, but the cold weather early this week caused the river to fall rapidly and operations are now being renewed. A little over one-third of the structure is now up and the remainder will be up in a few work.

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BIG PROFITS IN SIGHT.

While the cost of using electric power in mining operations is less than the cost of steam power where fuel is as dear as it is here, it is supposed there still remains big profit for the delivery of electric power

thing of the kind heretofore seen in the country. The engineer in charge and the designer of the dam is William Anderson, a Scotchman, who was also in charge of the improvement of the power at Bounding ton, where he achieved a distinction in his culling, which proves to be in no wise lessened by the work in which he is now engaged. Before Kettle river plunges down into the narrow gorge at Cascade it is considered. Before Kettle river plunges down into the narrow gorge at Cascade it is Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

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Brown of Victoria, purchased the Prince claim from Alexander Wallace and associates for \$3,500. This claim overlapped the Washington, one of three properties owned by Mr. Brown's company, the Boundary and Benverton Mining Company, and for fear that litigation might possibly arise at some future period Mr. Empey purchased the same and it will be deemed to the company.

Early last summer, when the west fork was attracting the attention of the investing public, Brown secured a group of six promising claims and paid the owners \$100,000 for the same. He formed two separate companies to work the properties, placing ample funds in each for that purpose. John Empey was appointed the superintendent of both corporations. The Beaverton-Sulphide Company secured the Rambler, Templar and Columbia claims, one group and the Boundary and Beaverton Mining Company sequired the Washington. Idaho and Montana claims, the other group. Both claims are in the immediate vicinity of the townsite of Scaverton.

The principal work has been done on the Washington claim, owned by the latter company. Since early summer a force of twelve men has been constantly at work. The primary development consisted of atripping and trenching what is known as the main ledge. This ledge, carrying values in gold, coppersiver and lead, was stripped for a length of 1,000 feet across two claims. It is a big lode, with an average width of not less than twenty feet. A shaft is now being sunk on this ledge. It will be put down to a depth of 100 feet, and if this depth carries the same values and showing as is found on the surface the company will proceed to install the necessary machinery for the continued permanent working of the property. The same company, a thirty-foot shaft was sunk last summer at the intersection of a promising galena ledge and the main ore body.

Work will shortly start on the development of the properties of the Beaverton.

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Mr. Hall Caine,
Author of "The Deemster," "The Mnaxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently, said :"When a thing that is advertised greatly
is good it goes and goes permanently; when
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TENDERS

Tenders will be received up to December 22nd for brick and stone work and concrete foundation for a power house to be receted at the Wellington Extension mines. Plans and specifications can be seen at the E. & N. Ry, Co.'s office, Store street.

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Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canadan at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a line of railway from Victoria, British Columbia, or some other suitable point at or near the southern end of Vancouver Island to Hardy Buy or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of the said Island, with power to construct branch lines to any points that may be selected on the consts andertaking to acquire, lease or make traffic arrangements with existing railways on the said Island; and to operate and maintain lines of steamships and car ferrles between the said line of railway or any of the branches thereof and any point or points in British Columbia, the State of Washington, United States of America, and the Territory of Alaska, United States of America, to construct and maintain wharves and docks, telegraph and telephone lines, with all powers usually granted to railway companies and such other phone lines, with all powers usually granted to railway companies and such other than the property of the company.

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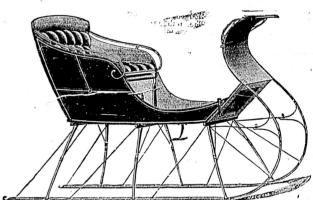
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SYNOPSIS. SYNOPSIS.

The barometer has risen over British Columbia and the high area continues to hover over the Pacific slope, being still central between the American ranges. Heavy rain and strong winds have prevailed along the Washington coast. Temperatures have increased, ranging from 38 to 58. Unsettled weather conditions may be expected to continue.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max
Victoria	47	53
New Westminster	40	50
Kamloops	36	48
Barkerville		38
Calgary	G	48
Winnipeg	22	40
Portland, Ore	42	58
San Francisco		50
FORECASTS.		

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Friday: Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy, with occasional

rain. Lower Mainland-Easterly winds; chiefly cloudy, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5

THURSDAY, Dec. 21

THURBDAY, Dec. 21
Deg. Deg. Deg.
5 a.m. 52 Mean. 48
Noon. 51 Highest. 53
5 p.m. 50 Lowest 16
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. 20 miles west.
Noon. 24 miles west.
5 p.m. 12 miles west.
Average state of weather—Cloudy with showers.
Rain—41 Inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed. 30,230
Corrected. 30,247

PASSENGERS AND CONSIGNEES.

THE DEAF MUTES.

Miss Merritt Thanks the Public for the Assistance Given Her.

The following letter has been received from Miss Helen Merritt:

I would express most grateful thanks to all the people whose kind assistance has permitted me to keep those unance has permitted me to keep those un-fortunate children under my instruction long enough to enable them to give such a public demonstration of their intellec-tual and physical capacity for acquire-ment as was clearly shown last even-

ing.

I am strongly inclined to believe that two months more improvement as that shown during the past month would fit one of them for entrance to the qublic

HELEN WILLARD MERRITT. Miss Merritt's school for deaf and dumb pupils will be in session from one o'clock until four, from the 2nd to the 5th of January inclusive. The public are invited to visit it at any of those bours.

Chamberlain Is Pleased.

His Letter to Governor General After Sending the First Contingent.

Appointments to the Provincial Service Noted in the Official

Yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette promulgates the following communication from Right Hon, Joseph Chamberlain to His Excellency the Gov ernor-General, in which the Colonial Secretary acknowledges with thanks Canada's contributions to the Imperial forces in South Africa, and fittingly com-ments upon the proofs of colonial devotion to the throne and flag that the past few months have produced:

Downing Street, Nov. 15, 1899.

My Lord: I received from you on the 2nd inst, a cepy of an approved minute of the Dominion Privy Council dated the 14th of October, 1899, in which your ministers authorized the equipment and despatch of 1,000 volunteers for service with the Imperial troops in South Africa. The great enthusiasm and the general cagerness to take an active part in the military expedition which has unfortunately been found necessary for the maintenance of British rights and interests in South Africa have afforded much gratification to Her Majesty's government and the people of this country. The desire thus exhibited to share in the risks of the Empire has been welcomed, not only as a proof of the staunch loyalty of the Dominion and of its sympathy with the policy pursued by Her Majesty's government in South Africa, but also as an expression of the growing feeling of the unity and solidarity of the Empire which has marked the relations of the Mother Country with the colonies, during recent years. The thanks of Her Majesty's government are specially due to your ministers for the cordial manner in which they have undertaken and carried through the work of organizing and equipping the Canadian contingent.

I have, etc. Downing Street, Nov. 15, 1899.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Among the business announcements contained in the current Gazette are notices of the incorporation of the following companies: The Western Mecantile Co., of Nelson, capital \$50,000; the Gold-Copper Mines, of Cranbrook capital \$500,000; the Mountain View Corper Co., of Greenwood, capital \$500,000; One Mountain View Corper Co., of Greenwood, capital \$500,000; the Mountain View Corper Co., of Vancouver, capital \$60,000; Creenwood Electric Company of Greenwood, capital \$75,000; and Caldwell Mines, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$100,000. Notice is given of approaching session for a private act incorporating a new telephone company-probably carrying into effect the pending

arrangements for the establishment of a long distance line connecting this city, Nanaimo, Vancouver, and New Westminster—while the annual general meeting of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Co. is announced to be held at the Hillside avenue offices in this city at 10 a.m. on the 27th instant. A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Arrowhead & Kootenay Railway Co. is advertised for January 29, at the C.P.R. offices in Montreal, the directorate also meeting at the same time and place.

Among the week's annountments are

Among the week's appointments are noted the selection of Thomas A. Wilson of Trout Lake as a provincial coroner; of William F. Gurd of Cranbrook; and E. A. Carew-Gibson of 150-Mile House, as notaries public; and of Wm. McQueen, Rossland; John Hemer, Cedar; and J. B. Burr, Ladners, as justices of the peace.

Tenders for the restaurant privileges during the approaching session of the legislature are invited by an advertisement of the provincial secretary's, all bids to be in the hands of that minister by to-morrow.

Salmon Arm school district has been divided by the council of public instruc-tion, and will hereafter consist of two districts—Salmon Arm East and Salmon Arm Wost

A court of revision and appeal for Northeast Kootenay is to be held at Golden on the 29th instant.

COMRADES IN ARMS.

Incidents of African Battlefields Showing How Hard Fighters Carry Kind Hearts,

Kind Hearts,

London, Dec, 21.—Letters from British officers and soldiers fighting in the Transvaal and lengthy descriptions from war correspondents that filter into print through the mails, teen with theiling and pathetic incidents. Writing to his mother, a young officer in the Manchesters wounded in one of the first engagements, relates that while he lay on the hillside expecting to die, through the night which had already fallen, bleeding from a bad wound in his thigh and shivering with cold, there sumbbed over him a "Tommy of my company named Rogers," This "Tommy" quickly whipped off his own overcoat, placed it around the boy officer and laying it down put his arms around him and for the rest of the long cold night kept him "beautifully warm," And there are now being told many such incidents of tenderness and bravery that wipe out differences in rank.

HAVANA TRAMWAYS.

New York, Dec. 21.—All the street railway interests in the city of Havana were consolidated to-day at a meeting in the office of the trensurer of the Havana Electric Railway Co., in this city, thus ending a contest begun more than a





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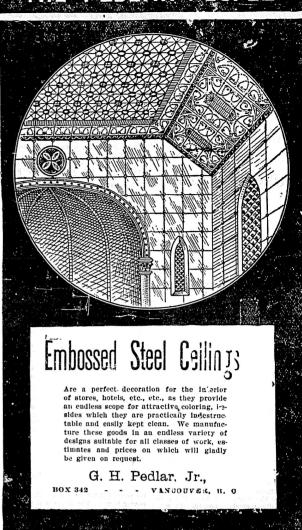
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